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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 690 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$318.
 - \$162 for 9 total claims over 20.
 - \$156 for 2 independent claims over 3 .
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

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- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1138.

01 FC:101	710.00	OP
02 FC:102	160.00	OP
03 FC:103	162.00	OP
04 FC:105	130.00	OP

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

B. Daley Jr.

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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE



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Attorney Docket No. 55045 (70158)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Brian James Martin, et al

EXAMINER: Unassigned

SERIAL NO.: 09/675,396

GROUP: 2681

FILED: September 29, 2000

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231 on March 22, 2001.

Norah C. Sullivan
By Norah C. Sullivan
Norah C. Sullivan

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS FILING DATE GRANTED
AND REQUEST FOR CORRECTED OFFICIAL FILING RECEIPT**

Sir:

The following is in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts- Filing Date Granted (PTO-1533) mailed November 22, 2000, in the above referenced application.

A petition has also been filed herewith requesting a two (2) month extension of time to March 22, 2001, to respond to the above-referenced Notice to File Missing Parts. Applicants also conditionally petition for a further extension time to provide for the possibility that such a petition is required. As indicated below, please charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105** for the required fee.

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Enclosed herewith for filing in the subject application are the following:

1. A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts-Filing Date Granted for the subject application.
2. A properly signed Declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 with power of attorney, identifying the application by the above Application Number and date.

Completion of application filing fees as calculated below:

1. Basic Filing Fee	\$710.00
2. Total additional claim fees, \$162 for 9 claims over 20 and \$156 for 2 independent claims over 3	322.00
3. Surcharge for late payment of filing fee and/or late filing of original declaration or oath.....	130.00
TOTAL.....	<u>\$ 1,162.00</u>

Enclosed herewith is a check for \$1,162.00 in payment of the total fee due.

Applicants also respectfully request a corrected official filing to reflect any corrections resulting from the within Response and/or the enclosed declaration.

Applicants believe that additional fees are not required, however, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105**. In particular, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees: filing fees (37 C.F.R. §1.16(a), (f) or (g)); fees associated with the

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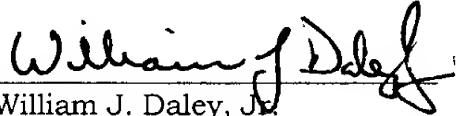
presentation of extra claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b), (c) and (d)); surcharge for filing the basic filing fee and/or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application (37 C.F.R. §1.16(e)); extension fees pursuant to § 1.136(a) (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1)-(5)); and application processing fees (37 C.F.R. §1.17).

Respectfully submitted,

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